

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in the City of Chesapeake, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

January 12, 2017 to February 10, 2017

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Certification

DEQ is reviewing a proposed activity requiring a federal license/permit to determine whether it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (CZM) established pursuant to the federal Coastal Zone Management Act. The CZM Program seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Norfolk District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is reviewing a Joint Permit Application submitted by the Dragas Management Corporation (applicant) for the issuance of an individual permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) for impacts to jurisdictional waters of the United States from the proposed Hickory Manor Development. The applicant proposes to construct 83 detached condominiums and associated infrastructure on 19.64 acres of land that was previously utilized as a tree farm. The applicant proposes to fill all wetlands (0.923-acre of non-tidal wetlands) that are located on the project site. The wetlands include 10,116 square feet of palustrine wetlands and 30,081 square feet of farm ditches that have been delineated as linear wetlands by the Corps. The Federal Consistency Certification finds the proposed action consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program. This consistency certification is submitted for a federal agency activity pursuant to the federal consistency regulation 15 CFR 930.51 (Subpart D) for projects requiring a federal license or permit.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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